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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. McGeorge Bundy ←

SUBJECT : Intention of Cuban Exile Student Organization (DRE) to Send Letter to President Kennedy

1. Confirming the advice given you⁽¹⁾ on 8 December, it has been reported to us by a reliable penetration source within the organization that the Cuban exile student organization, DRE (Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil), with headquarters in Miami, has drafted a letter for President Kennedy. The gist of this letter is that the DRE, while recognizing the U. S. Government's problems and difficulties with respect to the Cuban situation, still expects President Kennedy to "fulfil his promises to liberate Cuba."

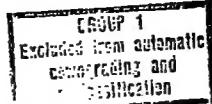
2. The DRE leaders plan to give the letter to their regular CIA contact officer on 12 December for transmittal to the President. Subsequently, if steps are not taken by the United States Government to carry out this pledge, the DRE "will act." The report does not state specifically what action is contemplated by the DRE, but we assume that it would involve a resumption of commando raids and harrassment tactics against Cuba.

3. On 13 December the DRE plans to release this letter to the press and on the same date will attempt to stimulate maximum propaganda support in Latin America for the DRE position. Preparatory to this attempt, the DRE will send special emissaries to Costa Rica, Mexico, and other Latin American countries. If the campaign results in substantial support for the DRE position, the organization would prepare to initiate "action against Cuba" subsequent to 17 December. In addition to the foregoing, the DRE is considering broadening its base and developing into a political movement, provided it can obtain appropriate support in Latin America.

4. We have instructed the source of this report, who is a confidant of the DRE leaders and, in fact, has been asked [redacted] to attempt [redacted] to dissuade the DRE from taking this precipitous action which could harm the cause of Cuban liberation. We have not as yet

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been advised of the results of our source's efforts in this regard.

5. If the DRE leadership goes through with its plan to present this letter to its CIA contact officer on 12 December, the officer will make every effort to dissuade the DRE leadership from thus attempting to pressure the United States Government.

6. We will keep you apprised of any important developments in this matter.

Mr
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Deputy Director (Plans)

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